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SUBJ: ASSIGNMENT REGIONAL PERSONNEL TO KUWAIT - REVISED COURIER
SCHEDULE

REF: A) STATE 249988 (NOTAL)

B) KUWAIT 4409 (NOTAL)

C) FRANKFURT 7172

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1. REVISED COURIER SCHEDULE CITED REFTL (C) AND IMMINENT TRANSFER REGIONAL LABOR ATTACHE TO KUWAIT PER REFTL (D) CREATES IMMEDIATE BUT NOT INSURMOUNTABLE PROBLEMS FOR EMBASSY. BECAUSE OF ACUTE LOCAL HOTEL AND HOUSING SITUATION, NO QUARTERS WILL BE IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE. INADEQUATE STORAGE SPACE EMBASSY VAULT, SHORTAGE OF DRIVERS AND VEHICLES AND ALREADY HARD-PRESSED TWO-MAN C&R UNIT WILL MAKE REVISED COURIER SCHEDULE DIFFICULT TO ACCOMMODATE.

2. IF FEASIBLE, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS REGIONAL LABOR ATTACHE (MATTSON) PLAN ARRIVE IN KUWAIT UNACCOMPANIED BY FAMILY AND THEY BE AUTHORIZED SEPARATION ALLOWANCE UNTIL ADEQUATE QUARTERS CAN BE FOUND. HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS UNLIKELY TO BE AVAILABLE BEFORE EARLY DECEMBER.

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3. EMBASSY PROPOSES HOUSE TRANSIT COURIERS WITH MARINE GUARD DETACHMENT OR IN PRIVATE HOMES OF EMBASSY STAFF UNTIL SUITABLE LODGING ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE. IMPACT OF OTHER PROBLEMS CREATED BY REVISED SCHEDULE WILL BE ASSESSED FOLLOWING FIRST-WEEK REVISED OPERATIONS. AT MINIMUM, WE ESTIMATE EMBASSY WILL REQUIRE IMMEDIATE AUTHORIZATION HIRE ONE ADDITIONAL DRIVER AND ASSIGNMENT ON TDY BASIS ONE ADDITIONAL C&R ASSISTANT. IF REVISED SCHEDULE LIKELY TO BECOME PERMANENT, IT UNDOUBTEDLY WILL BE NECESSARY TO LEASE APARTMENT FOR EXCLUSIVE USE COURIERS TO ENSURE ADEQUATE HOUSING DURING KUWAIT LAY-OVERS.

4. ONCE SITUATION CLARIFIES CONCERNING REASSIGNMENT REGIONAL POSITIONS FROM BEIRUT CITED REFTEL (C) EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE DEPARTMENT WITH ESTIMATE OF ADDITIONAL RESOURCES NEEDED TO ACCOMMODATE ALL NEW PERSONNEL. EMBASSY HOPES DEPARTMENT WILL BE PREPARED EXTEND TIMELY ASSISTANCE. WE CURRENTLY ATTEMPTING LOCATE ADDITIONAL HOUSING OFF EMBASSY COMPOUND TO ACCOMMODATE PROPOSED NEW REGIONAL STAFF AND EXISTING STAFF PERSONNEL CURRENTLY HOUSED IN STAFF APARTMENT BUILDING -- SOME OF WHOM MUST BE MOVED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REQUIRED OFFICE SPACE.
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